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To: Charter Commission

Subject: Proposed County Manager form of government

Aloha Charter Commission,

Reference your current proposed ballot item to change the form of government which states that "The Council would hire and fire the County Manager". Perhaps my first impression is incorrect, but this indicates to me that the powers of the Council would be all encompassing - i.e. both legislative and administrative since they would apparently be in a position to dictate how the Manager performs his tasks. At least they would have the power to fire the Manager if they did not agree with his management actions.

Would this also mean that the Council has the power to hire and fire the Police Chief? Or at least to appoint the Police Commission if such commission still existed under the new form? Would the County Attorney be subordinate to the Council? Many other questions on redistributing the current administrative powers of the Mayor if that position is deleted.

The Manager form has many pluses, but our current elected Council seems inept in performing their designated functions and already appear to prefer administrative powers. (This may just be several cases of "Mayor wannabe's"). I'm not sure how to establish a check and balance if the Council has absolute County government power.

Thanks again for the excellent ongoing task your group is performing.

Mahalo, Murray Hudson, Princeville